



# News Release

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## MAY PRICES UP

**SIOUX FALLS, May 30, 2008** -- Preliminary May prices were up from April for soybeans, sunflower, oats, alfalfa hay, and other hay according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for cows, steers and heifers, barrows and gilts, and sows were up, while calves were unchanged from April.

For May, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$9.00, was down \$1.10 from last month but up \$4.51 from last May. The spring wheat price, at \$11.00, was \$1.60 lower than last month but \$6.08 higher than last year. The May soybean price, at \$11.90, was 20 cents higher than last month and \$5.09 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$5.00, was down 10 cents from last month but up \$1.69 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$29.80, was up \$1.50 from last month and up \$12.80 from last year.

The preliminary May barrow and gilt price, at \$57.90, was up \$11.00 from last month and up \$1.60 from last year, while sows, at \$22.40, were up \$4.80 from April but down \$10.90 from May 2007.

The preliminary May steer and heifer price, at \$98.30, was up \$2.90 from April and up 40 cents from May of last year. Calves, at \$112.00, were unchanged from last month but down \$6.00 from May 2007.

The May alfalfa price, at \$112.00 per ton, was up \$7.00 from last month and up \$15.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$99.00, was up \$9.00 from last month and up \$20.00 from May 2007.

### Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	May 2007 <sup>1</sup>	April 2008 <sup>1</sup>	May 2008 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	3.31	5.10	5.00
Soybeans	Bu.	6.81	11.70	11.90
Sunflower	Cwt.	17.00	28.30	29.80
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.76	11.70	10.40
Winter	Bu.	4.49	10.10	9.00
Other Spring	Bu.	4.92	12.60	11.00
Barley, All	Bu.	3.08	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	2.60	3.39	3.50
Hay, All	Ton	94.00	103.00	110.00
Alfalfa	Ton	97.00	105.00	112.00
Other	Ton	79.00	90.00	99.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	89.70	89.80	90.40
Cows	Cwt.	52.60	52.00	54.40
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	97.90	95.40	98.30
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	118.00	112.00	112.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	53.80	44.00	54.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	56.30	46.90	57.90
Sows	Cwt.	33.30	17.60	22.40
Lambs	Cwt.	104.00	110.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	24.20	20.40	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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